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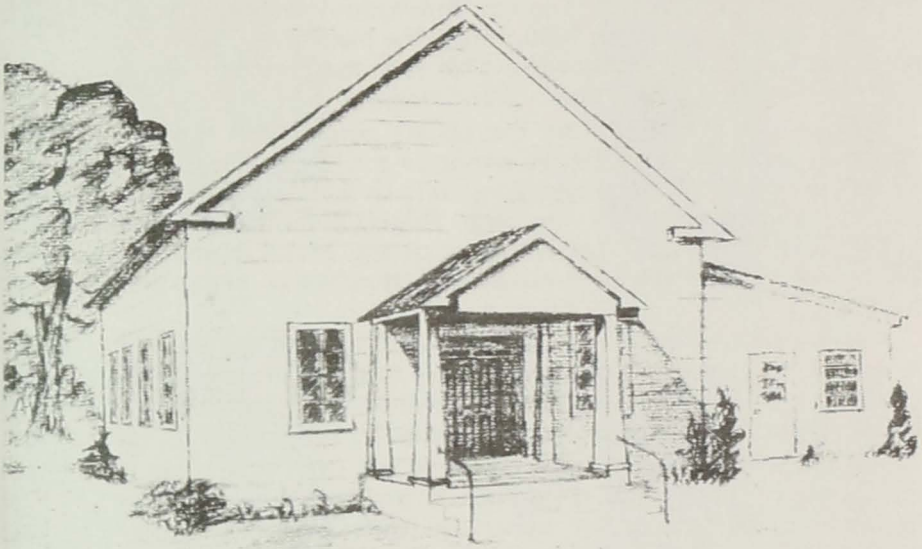
150 Years of the Mt. Comfort Presbyterian Church

by Tom Lavender



The story of the Mt. Comfort Community goes back to 1828, the year the Solomon Tuttle family came to Arkansas. The records of the American Antiquarian Society have a great deal to say about the Tuttle family and Solomon Tuttle was the legendary founder and organizer of the Mt. Comfort Church. Many of the Tuttles were religious and educational people. One of the first things that Solomon did when he arrived in Arkansas to stay was to organize the church and to give land for a college. The Far West Seminary*, the first college to be started, had a constitution that required all the professors to be Christians and of high moral character. These requirements evidently came from the Christian colleges back east.

The Tuttles and the W.D. Cunningham family* were together in organizing the church, and since W.D. Cunningham was Tuttle's son-in-law, they had no problem getting it started. The church was a Cumberland Presbyterian, which denomination was only eighteen years old, having broken away from the Presbyterian Church in 1810.

The first church was evidently of logs, but there are no pictures of any kind to indicate what it was. Then in 1840, a brick building was built, using the same kind of brick that was used in the Cunningham home and the Carnahan house which are still in use less than a mile from the church.

The first building was used as the school house for a time until the Far West Seminary (later the Ozark Institute) or Miss James' School* (the Mt. Comfort Female Academy) became operational. Then a small building was built some 200 feet east of the church.

The first church was not exactly a full time operation but it was an active church from the start. The first Presbytery meeting was held under a brush arbor on August 30, 1830. (From the history of the Presbytery compiled by Rev. G.W. Thompson.) This year the church will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the brush arbor meeting.

People built cabins around the church and would come in times of "revivals" and live there for the period of the Mission, and at other times when they felt like it. It is interesting to note that Jonathan Edwards, who had a great influence on American Presbyterianism, started American Religious Evangelism. The activities of the Mt. Comfort Presbyterian Church were common to Presbyterian churches all along the American frontier.

The second Mt. Comfort Church was built on land owned by W.D. Cunningham. He deeded about seven acres to the Deacons, Elders, and the Congregation of the Mt. Comfort Cumberland Church, stating in the deed that he gave it for the prupose of teaching the Bible and worshipping God.

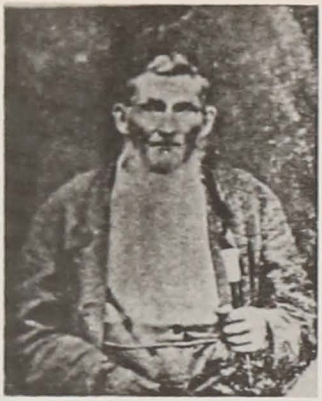
The church proceeded very well until the Civil War when the church was burned. This area of Arkansas was divided during and after the War because some of the people were slave holders. Then after the War there were marauders to consider and I am sure that in the time from 1864 to 1874, church going was a hazardous duty and only the most hardy would venture out.

Again the community was without a church building and they again resorted to brush arbors or log buildings, unless there was a school building they could use.

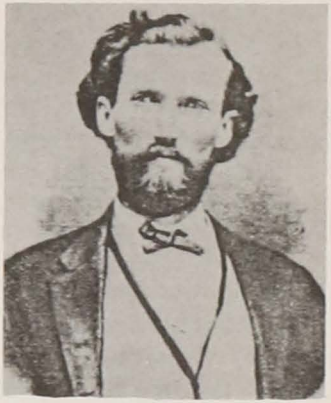
In 1874 a new frame building was erected and it is still in use. They used hewn timbers for floor joists and rough sawn lumber for the rest of the framing. The walls and ceilings were five-eights inch beaded ceiling and the outside was plain wood siding. The building is about forty feet wide and sixty feet long and would accommodate about one hundred people. Heat in the winter time was derived from a couple of wood stoves and in the summer from the sun.

But troubles were not over for the church, because there seemed to be a discrepancy in the deed given by W.D. Cunningham. His son, Solomon T. Cunningham, started pressing the church to move to the land described in the deed, which was indicated to be about six miles east.

Finally, after what was called harrassment, a suit was filed by the Deacons and the Elders, claiming that there was an error in the deed. They claimed that they had held church there for many years and had put valuable improvements on the land in 1840, which proves the time the brick church was built.



William Donnel Cunningham



Solomon Tuttle Cunningham, son of William Donnel Cunningham and Jane Tuttle.

Fairie Maud Cunningham Cannon, great granddaughter of Solomon Tuttle, fourth generation.

Mildred Louise Cannon Lavender, fifth generation from Solomon Tuttle.

This law suit was filed in 1884, ten years after the present church was built, but the findings of the court were NOT recorded until 1896, and it stated that the court found that the deed was indeed in error and the decision affirmed that the church was "a corporation organized for the purpose of teaching the Bible and worshipping God". The court decreed that Solomon T. Cunningham should not harrass the church any more.

In 1908 the church broke away from the Cumberland Presbyterians and joined the Presbyterian, U.S.A. This brought another controversy in the church and only thirty-two members changed over. The sad part was that the Clerk of the Session, who had all the records, would not change and would not give the records over to the new church.

These records have been lost and consequently a great deal of history has been lost.

From four bare walls the church has been improved from time to time. In 1950, asbestos siding was installed on the outside walls, and sometime later a raised platform for the preacher. Then some class rooms were added, then paneling on the walls, metal ceilings, and gas heat.

In 1964 an addition was built, adding two classrooms and two modern restrooms. This addition caused a great deal of controversy but it was the first real improvement to the building in ninety years. The addition does give the building a one-sided look. The plan was to make both sides look the same, but this has not been realized to date.

But from a building of four bare walls and open floor, modernization has progressed gradually and firmly. Now they have carpet, good lighting, padded pews, a good piano and a good electronic organ for music. The weekly services are modern, up to date and wholesome.

There are not many active members, but two of them are direct descendants of Solomon Tuttle and W.D. Cunningham. They are Mrs. Julia Reed of Farmington and Mildred Lavender of Fayetteville. Mrs. Reed is a teacher and Mrs. Lavender is the organist.

The Mt. Comfort Community has always been a highly respected area and has done its share in keeping Washington County one of the first in Arkansas agriculture. It started out as the real leader in the state educational picture and its character has not changed.

The President of the McCormick Seminary in Chicago recently said, "It is a fallacy to think that the small church should grow, but rather think of it as the basic unit of the denomination." On that basis Mt. Comfort has been a success and still is the spiritual center for that community.

**Editor's Note:* For further information about the Tuttle and Cunningham families and the Mt. Comfort Community see *SOLOMON TUTTLE OF OLD MT. COMFORT AND HIS DESCENDANTS,* by Julia Sevarine Reed, Washington County Historical Society. No. 38, 1961.

FLASHBACK PUBLICATION DATES

We have had several inquiries from readers who wondered if they had missed an issue of *FLASHBACK* because they did not received it in the month of publication. Our new typesetting arrangement has added approximately a week to the old publication schedule. Sometimes, if the journal is completed by the printer near the end of the month of publication, readers might not receive the issue until the first of the following month. Sometimes too, bulk mailing to distant states, California for instance, might take longer. We ask your patience. We are pleased that so many of our readers look forward to *FLASHBACK* and we want every society member to receive all our issues.

The Methodist Church in West Fork

by Robert G. Winn

The Methodist Church in West Fork - as it appeared during the first decade of the 1900's.

Doubtless religious services were held in the settlement of West Fork from the time the first pioneers pitched their tents and built their log cabins in the fertile valley; but the first organized congregation to erect an edifice of their own were the Methodists.

In the year 1884, three prominent citizens were chosen as trustees vested with authority to purchase land, negotiate a loan, and erect a house of worship. Messrs. James Granger, Samuel Robinson, and Thomas Walker purchased a plot of ground on the corner of Main and McKnight Streets - where the Presbyterian Church now stands. Apparently the streets were laid out and named even before these negotiations began, because the recorded documents in the files of the Bronson Abstract Company in Fayetteville, show that the land was on the northwest corner of Main and McKnight Streets in the town of West Fork. The lot was purchased from Jacob and Mary Yoes for the sum of fifty dollars, the entire price of the land. A loan of $200 was obtained from the Home Missions Church Extension Board with Headquarters of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia. The land is legally described as Lot 1 Block 2. Negotiations for the purchase began December 22, 1884. The deed was dated Jan. 2, 1885, and recorded Jan. 8, 1885 (book n-2, p. 242). The loan from church headquarters was to be repaid at the rate of $50 per month.

The lot was large enough for a parsonage to be built directly west of the church. A small residence stands there today. Some time later the Presbyterians assumed legal ownership of the property, the parsonage was sold; the house that replaced the old parsonage now belongs to Mr. William Carter.

How many resident pastors occupied the parsonage is uncertain. Nobody interviewed recalled a minister having lived there. The church apparently was never a stong organization with a large membership. A relatively few families apparently kept the church going. In time, as the

members of these families passed on or moved away, the Presbyterians gradually came to wield more and more influence in the church where they had shared the pulpit almost from the beginning.

Many circuit riders preached in the early church. "Aunt" Haley Hammett, who passed away in Cameron, Oklahoma, some years ago, recalled that her husband was a circuit rider who preached at the West Fork Methodist Church. He always stayed at the home of "Brother" Bill Hughes. Other ministers remembered are Rev. O.H. Tucker, W.E. Reid, a Rev. Huddleston, Rev. Du Boise, and a Dr. R.A.N. Wilson.

Until the Christian Church was built, the Methodist was the only organized congregation in West Fork. When this second church was organized, the two denominations worked harmoniously together. Neither could afford a fulltime minister. One would have services on the first and third Sundays of the montb and the other on the second and fourth. Congregations from each would join the other after Sunday School for preaching services. For many years the Sunday School at the Methodist used what was called "Union literature" or non-denominational.

The Presbyterians gained strength as more and more of their ministers occupied the pulpit. One of these was the Rev. Jacob (Uncle Jake) Stockburger, descended from one of the earliest pioneer families in the area. Under his leadership (and probably because so many of the congregation were his relatives) the Presbyterians gained in power as the Methodist influence declined.

In 1920 a dynamic Presbyterian minister from Tennessee, a Rev. Lewis, held a revival meeting and the many converts who joined that denomination added great strength to the Presbyterians. The Methodist membership declined and eventually disappeared altogether until today many younger residents do not know that a Methodist Church ever existed in West Fork. From 1914 to 1928 when the legal transfer from the Methodists to the Presbyterians was officially completed the two groups appear to have been intertwined with both organizations occupying the sanctuary. The designation of authority apparently was more or less a community endeavor. The official records show that the legal transfer from the Methodist Church to the Presbyterians is dated April 10, 1928, when the Methodist Episcopal Conference in St. Louis sold the church property in West Fork to the Presbyterian Church with a Board of Trustees consisting of J. L. Bryant, president; R.L. Dameron and D.M. Kittridge. In 1930 the old building was replaced by the present structure. The contract for the construction of the new building was awarded to Mr. Kittridge, an expert carpenter and builder. Mr. Kittridge did not live to see the final completion. The sanctuary was in use, however, at the time of his death.. His was the first funeral held in the new church. The major design was his and the present edifice stands as a worthwhile monument to the services of this dedicated man.

In those early days the Methodist church was strong in spite of the fact

that no local pastor was present at all times. Mrs. Irene Canady remembers the outstanding choir. She remembers especially the voices of both Carl and Gertrude Cannon, son and daughter of the resident physician Dr. J.S. Cannon. All members of the Hughes family had excellent voices, as well as the Glovers. After the Dameron family moved to West Fork from Texas in 1909, the members of that family added much to the church in every department. One daughter, Rebecca, started playing the reed organ at the church when she was eleven years old and continued in that capacity until the Presbyterians officially took over the church. Mrs. Canady recalls that the most important member of the early choir was the wife of another resident physician, Dr. Gabbard. She was a former Metropolitan Opera singer. Under her tutelage the choir became popular throughout the area wherever sacred music was needed.

In those early days religious patriarchs expressed their fervor much more vocally than in most present-day churches. "Uncle" Tom Walker, as he was affectionately called, was well known for his vocal fervor in praying. Mr. Argile Langston, presently of Cocoa, Florida, recalls that when he was a small boy living in West Fork in the 1890's, his family attended the Methodist Church, and his most vivid recollection is that of "Uncle" Tom kneeling with his face toward the wall, lifting his voice in loud and earnest supplication to the Almighty, emphasizing his appeal by pounding on the wall. Argile's uncle, G.S. White, added what may have been a slightly exaggerated account of "Uncle" Tom's loud exhortations when he told that while fox hunting on the mountains west of West Fork on clear, calm autumn nights the hunters could hear the hounds baying in pursuit of the fox near the headwaters of Lee Creek, the band playing in Fayetteville ten miles away and "Uncle" Tom Walker praying in the church in West Fork a mile down the mountainside.

The Methodist church served the entire community. Mrs. Martha Parish vividly recalls the delightful Christmas programs when a large evergreen graced the center in front of the choir loft that extended across the back or west side of the room. (The old church faces east with the entrance on McKnight Street, whereas the present building faces Main Street on the south.) The pungent odor of cedar filled the church which was heated with the large pot-bellied stove in the center of the room. After the religious service, Santa Claus appeared bringing mesh bags containing an orange, an apple, a few nuts and candy for every child present.

We wish to express out deepest appreciation for the help given by Mesdames Irene Canady, Rebecca Williams and Martha Parish and Mr. Argile Langston for their personal recollections, and to Mrs. Parish for the picture of the church. We mention especially the cooperation of Mrs. Gay Harp and her staff at Bronson Abstract Company for making available the legal information; and to Mr. William Carter for the information provided in his abstract that gave specific information that would not otherwise have been available.

Profile: The Shreves, Washington County Surveyors

Brass Compass used by Walter Shreve in 1890

By: Helen Leflar and Dorothy Nichols

Ralph Shreve is a fourth generation descendant of pre-Civil War settlers in the Farmington area. He is the second of three generations of Shreve family surveyors, who for ninety years have located the routes of roads and railroads and established boundary lines in northwest Arkansas.

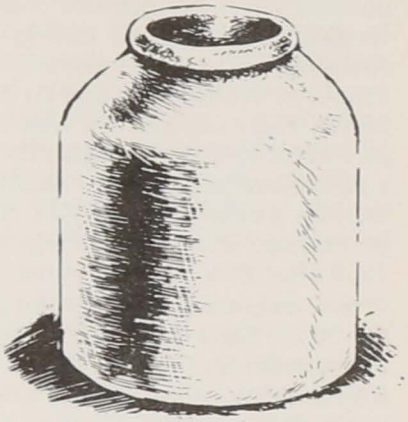
We visited him recently and found him, at age 85, ruddy of complexion, clear-eyed, upright, and with a keen memory of past community history. He attributes his good health to his heritaqge, as well as to the healthful life he has led.

"My genes are good," he told us as we settled before the fireplace of his den in the rear of the old family home. It is a neat room, simply furnished with his lounge chair, a few hand-hewn hickory chairs with seats of woven thongs, and a desk with crowded bookshelves above. From a shelf over his work table hung his drafting equipment, T-squares, triangles, scissors, all in orderly array.

"My grandparents didn't drink or smoke. They ate the right food, good natural food. They lived long lives. They came from good stock. I started surveying when I was sixteen, helping Uncle Ben and my father. I've walked about every boundary line in the county. Laid out streets, too. North Street from Highway 71 to McCormick's Corner, intersecting with what is called 112 now. I ran for County Surveyor in 1935 and kept that office for seven years. Kind of gave up surveying in '70. The work got too strenuous. My wife and I put out a bulb farm. On Sunday afternoon in daffodil time folks would come in crowds just to see the blossoms. They were mighty pretty. Come see my parlor," he said.

The room was crowded with sturdy furniture of the early 1900's, handcrafted pieces, dropleaf tables and cedar churns, much older and of a

beautiful simplicity. The walls are hung with framed diplomas and proud certificates of family members long since gone. One of the daughters pointed out the rarest treasure of all, the Trail of Tears jug, a bit of pottery about ten inches high and five inches in breadth, with a wide mouth and of a warm reddish-brown glaze. A visiting archeologist suggested the top may have been sealed with a discoidal, a pottery piece used as a cork. It could have been held in place with a leather thong. And thereby hangs another tale.



'Trail of Tears' jug.

Ralph Shreve married Jane Belle (Janet) Wilson in 1919. She was a stunning looking woman, whose striking features and flashing black eyes suggested her Cherokee origin. "Our pretty mama," her daughters describe her. She was proud of her Indian heritage and named her first daughter Waurika, meaning "clear water" in the Choctaw language. A slender and vigorous woman, she raised five children and worked alongside her husband in developing the bulb farm. She also enjoyed her participation in the Ozark Society and community folk dancing. During her last days she told her daughters much of the history of her people. Janet's great-great-grandmother remembered a deer hide, made by still older relatives, on which the history of the tribe was drawn. The little pottery jar, filled with provisions, was carried by her ancestors on the long sad trek of the Trail of Tears.

A carefully documented genealogical chart* prepared by Mrs. Shreve traces the male side of the family back to a Burgess Witt, veteran of the Revolutionary War, born in 1765 in Monroe County, Tennessee. One of Witt's descendants was among Daniel Boone's "Long Hunters" who petitioned Washington to include the mountainous eastern region of Tennessee and Kentucky as what is now called "The Lost State of Franklin". The frontiersmen predicted, "It will be a fair land, but a dark and bloody settlement." One of these frontiersmen, another descendant of Witt, was Samuel Wilson (1771-1853). He and his wife, parents of 13 children, left the "dark and bloody settlement" to migrate westward. In 1835 they settled three miles west of Farmington in Arkansas. They homesteaded and otherwise acquired 1190 acres in the fertile, rolling valley.

One of Wilson's descendants, William F. Shreve, divided the property among his three sons, Walter (Ralph's father), Henry Benson, and Hugh. A notation from the family record reads, "Walter received, among other lands, a triangular tract ... lying just south of the wagon road, then known as the Ft. Gibson Road, and adjacent to the spring branch, Goose Creek."

*_FLASHBACK_, pp. 2, 3, 4 and 26, Feb. 1980.

Both Walter and "Uncle Ben" (Henry Benson) are remembered as solid community men. Besides managing a farm of several hundred acres, tending orchards and raising cattle, Walter, an 1891 graduate of the Arkansas Industrial University with a degree in Civil Engineering, taught school at White Rock and in 1910 became the first principal of the Farmington High School. He was actively engaged in surveying and in 1912 served for four years as County Assessor. Frank Blew, his great-grandson, and likewise a surveyor, recalls stories of Walter taking off a week at a time on a county survey job, driving a horse and buggy, his survey books and equipment stored alongside in a wooden apple-box. Walter died in 1939 after fifty years of surveying.

Ben's career paralleled that of his brother. He was a locating engineer for the Alma-Fayetteville railroad line, the Winslow tunnel, the Fayetteville-Monte Ne "Pumpkin Line" (used to carry the abundance of fruit from Benton County) and the Combs, Cass and Eastern Railroad, promoted by Jay Fulbright, J.H. Phipps, and W.F. Reynolds to bring timber out of Franklin and Madison Counties. The latter was an extraordinary engineering project, through the rough and spectacular country from Combs to Cass. At one time he was sent as a consultant in the construction of a trolley line in London. Because of failing health, he chose to return to the highlands of Colorado, where he located the route of the difficult Moffat Tunnel west of Denver. He died in 1949 after a career of fifty years of service, outliving his brother Walter by ten years.

Walter's capable wife, Nancy Catherine (Nanny) was often left at home to manage farm and family. One successful year the profits from apples and strawberries came to $17,000, a vast amount in those by-gone times. In the year of the Spanish-American War Walter's share of the wheat crop netted $1500 when it sold for $1.05 a bushel. The profit financed the completion of the family home on Goose Creek, begun in 1897. The Shreve record reads: "These two crops really took my mother's time and interest, but her health was good and she outlived my father by many years."

Ralph's careful record recalls the building of the house: "Much of the cost of building the house was covered by the use of material found on the site. The five-acre tract had a magnificent stand of oak trees, red oak, pin oak, and burr oak, the very best of materials to frame a house. A sawmill was set up on Goose Creek, within throwing distance of the site of the new house. For foundations and cellar walls flat rock were hauled from the mountain east of Farmington. My mother drove one of the teams and wagons. The carpenters were hired, Al Burnam from Farmington and Rob Robertson, my uncle, and maybe others. The house was to be plastered except the kitchen and 30-inch wainscoting in the dining room. The plaster was a beautiful job, white, really white, and no cracks or steaks." The house, atop a knoll formed by the wanderings of Goose Creek, is a graceful, white, two and a half storied structure, typical of the more prosperous country homes built at the turn of the century.* Fragments of "gingerbread" still adorn the first and second story balconies. The place

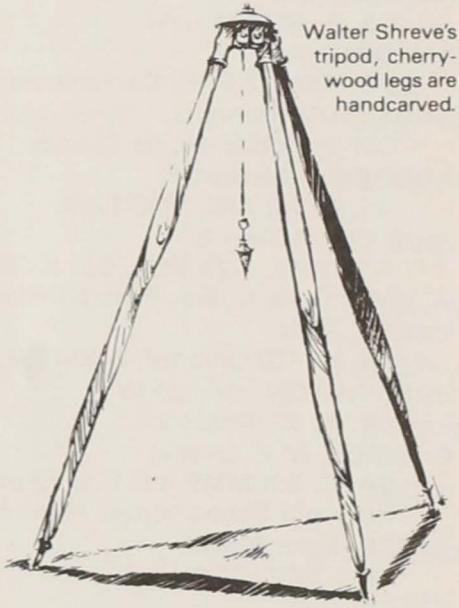
*See back cover of *FLASHBACK*.

has a feeling of continuity, of generations of children running in and out, a gathering place for friends and neighbors on long Sunday afternoons.

On the walls of grandson Frank Blew's office hang rare old maps of Washington County drafted in the late nineteenth century. Of special interest are the framed field notes penned by Walter and Ben on what was then called foolscap paper. A canvas bound *Washington County Map Book,* prepared by Ben in 1884, is so fragile the pages threaten to crumble if turned. The book exists in triplicate, one in the Smithsonian Collection, and another in the Blew library. There is Walter's *Field Book, No. 1, 1899-1901.* Another early volume of 1904 is entitled the *Original Atlas of Washington County.*

"These old maps show ghost towns," Frank Blew told us, "busy trading centers at the time and forgotten now. Grandfather served an era of time. His instruments are considered rather simple now in comparison with ours of today. Using a laser beam, we can break a calculation down to 100ths of a second. But Grandfather was quite a botanist, you know ... had me following him through the woods by the time I was ten. He taught me how to identify the wood of any old rotten stump, cherry, oak, hickory, whatever. So I could read the old maps. And there are Walter's old instruments."

Carefully displayed in a glass case is Walter's handsome brass compass which he used from 1890 to 1939. Propped in a corner is his transit and plumb-bob. The legs are of cherry wood, and pleasantly knobby, the brass work hand-crafted.



Walter Shreve's tripod, cherry-wood legs are handcarved.

Surveying, an old and honorable science, traces back to the Egyptians, Romans and Greeks. Early American practitioners were trusted and beloved leaders in the development of the wilderness and rural countryside. They were men of unquestioned honesty, of high ethical standards, men whose word was their bond, and whose education was from nature and life as well as from books. They were pioneers with a firm devotion to good workmanship and to the pursuit of excellence in whatever they undertook. Most surveying has now become a business organization; electonics, optics, and photography have replaced the hand-crafted brass instruments. But in Washington County the traditions of the Shreve family have combined the old science with the new.

Washington County Military Graves

compiled by Lloyd McConnell

The grave markers in our cemeteries reflect the names of many soldiers of the Union Army who came down from northern states during the Civil War. Whether these soldiers found some Arkansas Miss and decided to marry and live here, or perhaps just liked the country and returned after the conflict is not known. However, the gravestones tell us they spent their last days in Washington County as neighbors of the veterans from Arkansas.

NAME	CEMETERY
ABBOTT, Henry 1842-1918 Co. F. 1st Ark. Cav.	Bluff
ABSHIRE, Roland F. 1-2-1832, 5-27-1903, Pvt. 2nd Ark. Inf.	Scott
ADAMS, Silas Co. A. Indiana Cav.	Sugar Hill
ALLISON, John 6-8-1844, 12-6-18, Confederate Soldier	Towler
ANDERSON, Henry S. CM 3rd Indian Home Guards	Bethesda
ANDREWS, Richard T. Co. D. 2st Ark. 1832-1915	Antioch
ARNOLD, William B. 1-24-1843, 2-27-1862, Co. E. 3rd Reg., 7 Div. Mo. State Guard, Price's Division	West at Cane Hill
BAKER, A.W. Co. H. 100 Ohio Inf. 6-20-1832, 1-23-1904	Shady Grove
BARRINGTON, George W. Co. A. 97 Illinois Inf.	Evergreen
BASSICK, M.F. (Frank) Co. C. 5th MME Inf. from Maine (Lived by Holcomb Schoolhouse, West Fork	Burris
BATES, Peter Russell 1833-1907, CSA	Evergreen
BEATY, S.O. Civil War Veteran died at 79	Beaty
BLACK, John G. 1836-1908, Sgt. Co. H. 1st Ark. Cav.	Joyce
BLANCHARD, Capt. George F. Co. A. 14 N.H. Inf.	Evergreen

BLOYED, James
Co. D. 1st Ark. Cav. US — Winn (Union Star)

BONNEY, Lt. J.W.
Co. B. 4th Iowa Infantry US — Mount Salem

BOOTH, J.R.
Co. B. 58th Penn. Infantry — Friendship

BOWMAN, Cpl. B.W.
Co. H. 3rd. Tenn. Inf. — Bluff

BOYD, Francis Marion
1840-1907 CSA — Sons Chapel

BOYER, F.P.
39th U.S. Inf. Civil War — Bluff

BRAY, James A.
Co. E. 53rd Illinois Inf. US — Stokenbury

BREASTER, Hiram
12-31-1842, 9-11-1882, Reg. Gar. US — Brewster

BROOKS, James A.
Co. C. 29th Tenn. Inf. CSA — Scott

BROUGHTON, Wiley
Co. F. Ohio — Farmington

BROWN, Daniel F.
Co. I. 83rd Illinois US — Brentwood

BUCHANAN, James A.
2-15-1844, 12-9-1904, Vet. Civil War CSA — Cane Hill

BULLARD, Spencer
Co. A. 1st Ark. Cav. US — Blackburn

BURRIS, Andre J.
Co. D. 1st Ark. Inf. — Burris

BURRIS, Isaac
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CARR, Lafayette
1840-1923, Co. D. 100th Indiana Vol. — Friendship

CARTER, Dr. Jordon H.
Co. D. 17th Ark. Inf. CSA — McCord

CARTER, Benjamin H.
Co. K. Stirmans Reg. CSA — McCord

CARTER, L. B.
Co. E. 17th Ark. Inf. CSA — McCord

CASS, Thomas E.
1836-1917 Co. M. USA — Garrett Creek

CAUGHMAN, Nathan
Corp. Co. A. 1st Ark. Cav. US — Collier

CAVIN, James
Tr. A. 9th Kans. Cav. 4-1-1839, 2-1-1924 US — Howell

CAVIN, John H.
Co. H. 9th Kans. Cav., 7-12-1845, 12-10-1918 — Howell

CENSABAUGH, G.H.
Co. A. 1st Ark. Inf. US — Blackburn

CENTER, A. N.
Co. D. 1st Ark. Cav., 10-28-1843, 1-14-1944 — Collier

CENTER, Guilford
Co. D. 1st Ark. Cav. US — Collier

CHANDLER, Maj. Elias
12-29-1856, 9-14-1909 US — Evergreen

CHASE, George W.
Capt. Co. E. 10th N.H. Inf. — Evergreen

CLARK, Edwin B.
Co. G. 18th Illinois Inf. US Space 26 — Holcomb

CLIFFORD, Selden I.
1841, 1925, 21st Maine Inf. Civil War — Bluff

CLINE, Capt. George
11-17-1797, 12-11-1889, War of 1812 — Combs

CLOER, J.F.
1-29-1844, 4-23-1903, Co. H. 49th Mo. Inf. — Sonora

COFFIELD, Ward
Co. K. 8th Penn, Inf. US — Oak Grove

COMBS, A.B.
Co. D. 1st Ark. Cav. US — Black Oak

CONKLIN, James
Co. A. 6th Mo. Cav — Oak Grove

COUNTS, James
Qm. Sgt. Co. C. 1st Ark. Cav. US — Drakes Creek

CRAFT, J.L.
Co. F. 2nd Col. Cav. — Prairie Grove

DANIELS, Wm. B. (Dock)
Co. F. 25 Illinois Inf. 1840-1909 — Reece

DAVIDSON, Perry
1839, 1929, CSA — Evergreen

DAVIS, Harris H.
1st Sgt. Co. A. Ky. Inf. — Prairie Grove

DAVIS, P.R.
Co. K. 15th Mo. Cav. US — Blackburn

DAVIS, Thomas
Co. L. 1st Ark. Cav. US — Blackburn

DILLEY, John Wesley
1848-1920, Co. K. 68 Ill. 5th Reg. — Evergreen

DUGAN, John W.
Co. G. 50th Illinois Inf. US — Black Oak Wyola

DUNAWAY, Andrew J.
10-14-1837, 9-1-1934, Co. L. 1st Ark. Cav. — Wesley

DUNCAN, G.M.L.
8-22-1870, 11-25-1904, Cpl, 1st Ark. Reg. Spanish American War — Sonora

DUNCAN, M.V.
9-15-1837, 8-24-1913, Co. K. 1st Ind Havey Artillery US — Sonora

DUNLOP, Major W.S.
9-25-1833, 3-10-1914, CSA — Evergreen

DUTTON, Robert P.
Pvt. Co. F. 49th Iowa Inf. War with Spain — Prairie Grove

DYER, Francis Marion
11-13-1835, 1-4-1921 Co. H. 15 Ark. Reg. — Prairie Grove

EADS, John
4-20-1837, 4-19-1929 Co. E. 11th Mo. Cav. — McGarrah

EDMONDSON, W.R.
1-30-1887, 10-23-1916 Co. S. AFC — Combs

EDWARDS, Sgt. John W.
Co. C. 10th Illinois Cav. 1837-1917 — Reece

EIDSON,
In Memory of John & McCoy Eidson, who made the Supreme Sacrifice, 1st Ark. Cav. CSA 1863 — Zion

EIKLOR, Daniel
Co. B. 3rd Ind. Cav. US — Strickler

EVANS, Arthur A.
3-22-1835, 4-25-1920, Capt. Co. H. N.W., 15th Reg. Inf. CSA — Evergreen

EVANS, James M.
4-15-1845, 12-22-1924 Pvt. Co.I 1st Ark. Cav US — Evergreen

FELTON, James
12-5-1826, 2-8-1911, CSA — West at Cane Hill

FITZGERALD
46th Co. C. Mo. Infantry — Forrest Park

FLOWERS, W.D.
9th Tenn. Cavalry — Oak Grove

FOSTER, Charles L.
Lt. 1st Ark. Cav., d. 4-12-1929 — McCord

FOUST, Jonathan
1838-1904, Co. E. 15th Indiana Inf. — Bluff

FREE, Alex
Co. B. 13th Kansas Inf. — Crawford

FRY, Elsy
Co. B. 129 Ohio Inf. US — Strain

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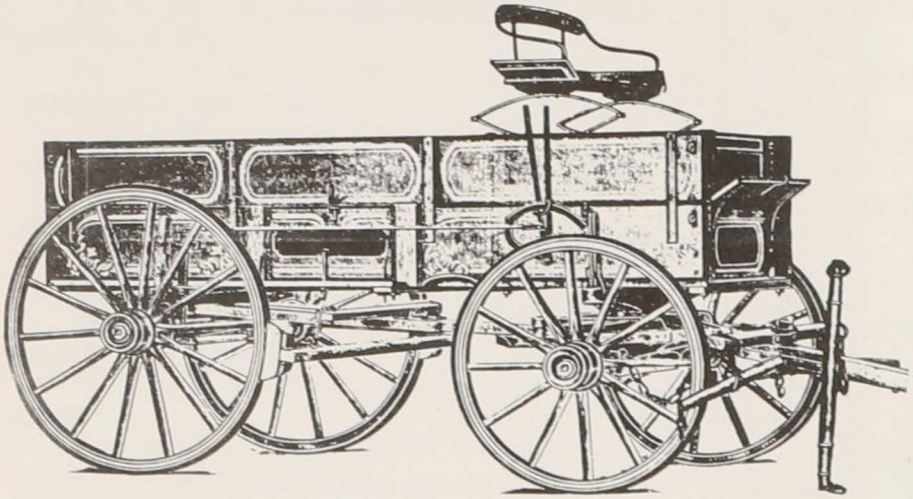
OZARK'S $55 WAGON

by Ron Foldvary



Ozark Wagon Company, which was established in 1896, was producing farm wagons at a rate of almost two hundred per year at the time of its 1908 bankruptcy. The company's Fayetteville plant facilities were housed in a West Center Street building complex located between the Frisco right-of-way and Evergreen Cemetery. Eratus Pitkin served as Ozark's president, Clifford P. Boles was vice-president & general manager and Ellis Duncan and A.P. Boles were secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Like today's auto manufacturers, Ozark Wagon Company offered its customers several different models. Unlike today's auto manufacturers, the prices Ozark charged for its wagons ranged from $55.00 for their standard model up to $75.00 for a infrequently-produced deluxe model.

The "parts and value thereof" of Ozark's $55.00 wagon were as follows:

Front & Hind Gear	$ 14.11
Brake Bar	.30
Brake Shoes & Bolts	.18
Brake Blocks	.15
Tongue	1.66
Reach	.35
Double Tree	.30
2 Single Trees	.45
Neck Yoke	.35

2 Stay Chains	.20
2 Clevices	.15
1 Wrench	.10
1 King Bolt	.10
1 Coupling Pin	.05
Total Gear	$ 18.45
Wheels	18.30
1 Bed Bottom	2.25
2 Top & 2 Bottom Sides	9.75
4 End Gates	1.80
1 Seat with Springs	2.00
1 Feed Box & Bolts for same	.60
2 Rub Irons & Bolts for same	.55
2 Brake Hangers & Bolts for same	.15
4 Side Brakes & Bolts for same	.45
1 Brake & Bolts for same	.80
Total Parts & Value Thereof	**$ 55.10[1]**

Given the current scarcity and high price of gasoline, there may be a pessimist hereabouts contemplating reviving the almost-lost trade of wagon making. But before he can start producing wagons, he'll first have to acquire many of the items listed in Ozark Wagon Company's machinery and equipment inventory; namely, a boiler, engine, band saw, shaper, planer, jointer, sander, rip saw, "tenanter"[2], hollow auger, boring machine, punch threader, tire bender and miscellaneous blacksmith tools, including punchers, shears, tire cooler, blower and anvil. Then, if the contemporary wagon maker can keep from overextending his credit as Ozark Wagon Company did, maybe he can produce a nice $55 wagon for about $1000.

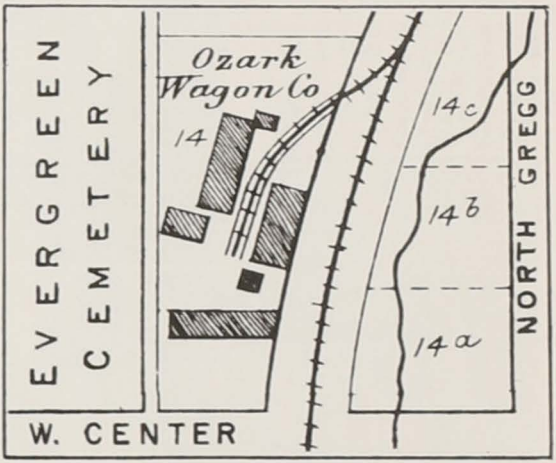
Notes and References:

1. Exhibit A, Wash. County Chancery Court, Case No. 306, 1909.
2. The word "tenanter" probably refers to the tenon saw, a thin-bladed saw used by wheelwrights.

Illustrations:

Wagon: 1908 farm wagon sold by Sears, Roebuck & Co. It is comparable to the one manufactured by Ozark Wagon Company of Fayetteville.

Map: From 1908 plat map of Fayetteville.



'The Old Folks at Baptist Ford June 18, (1913?). Building erected 1870.

Goshen Church.

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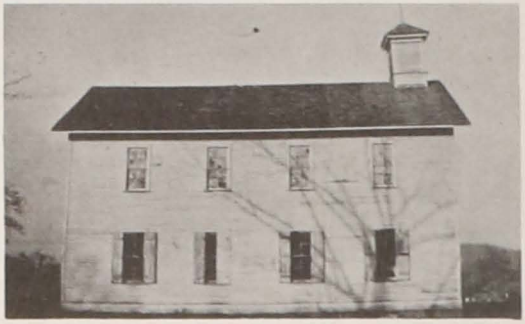


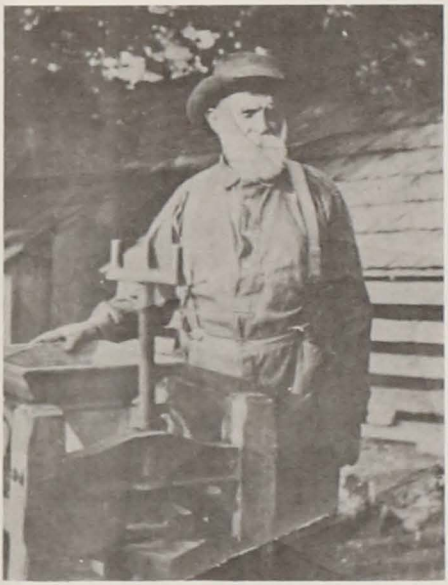
North Side Methodist Church, corner of Emma Ave. & Main St., Sp'dale.

Prairie Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Cemetery.

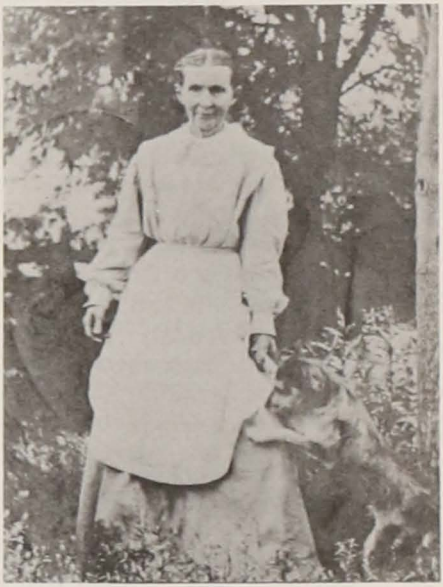
Genealogy Tables

WARE FAMILY TABLE

Compiled by Dorothy Ware Wilson



Garrett Williams, son of Moses & Charlotte Herrod Williams, husband of Belle Wilson. Garrett Williams shown with cider press - he had an orchard in Madison County between Buckeye and Wesley. #10 on chart below.



Belle Wilson Williams, daughter of 'Hence' Wilson, wife of Garrett Williams. #11 on chart below.

—I

1. Dorothy Lea Ware, b 8 July 1932 Springdale AR, m to Bobby Gene Wilson (he b 5 Nov 1925 Robinson, Benton Co. AR).

—II

2. Walker Macon "Jack" Ware, b. 7 Feb 1904 Whitener, Madison Co. AR.
3. Althea O. Monroe, b 28 July 1910 Jacksonville FL.

—III

4. Harry Eben Ware, b 22 Mar 1877 Hancock WI, d 1949 AR, bur Bluff Cem. Springdale AR.
5. Stella Williams, b 24 July 1879 Whitener, Madison Co. AR, d 1955 Springdale AR, bur Bluff Cem.

—IV

8. Walter Macon Ware, b 19 Oct 1835 Hancock NH, d 1900 AR, bur Bluff Cem. Springdale AR.
9. Louise Elizabeth French, b 5 Dec 1840 NY, d 1910 AR, bur Bluff Cem.
10. Garrett Williams, b 18 Mar 1847 Goshen AR, d 8 Nov 1914 AR, bur Buckeye Cem. Madison Co. AR.
11. Sarah Maybelle Nash "Belle" Wilson, b 9 Aug 1850 Madison Co. AR, d 10 April 1911 AR, bur Buckeye Cem.

—V

16. Ebenezer Ware, b NH, d NH, bur Hancock NH.
17. Martha Elizabeth Lakin, bur Hancock NH.
18. Alexander John French, b NY, bur Sanford FL. A dentist.
19. Lucene Chadwick.
20. Moses Williams, b 5 Oct 1823 IL, d Civil War, bur Bohannan Mt. Cem, Madison Co. AR (unmarked). 8 children.
21. Charlotte Sherrod, b 31 Mar 1826 TN, d 15 Aug 1902, bur Goshen AR. (unmarked).
22. Benjamin Henderson "Hence" Wilson, b 10 Nov 1819 TN; m (1) to Annaliza Caroline "Callie" Tuttle, m (2) to Jennie A. Mullins (she b 1845 MO, dau of Leland and Millie Mullins); d 26 Jan 1889 AR, bur Buckeye Cem, Madison Co. AR.

    Children of Benjamin Henderson Wilson and Annaliza Caroline Tuttle:
    Margie Aletrice "Leat" b 1845 AR, m to William R. Phillips
    Malvina "Mal" b 1847 AR, m to Henry Mullins
    "Belle" No. 11 above
    Madelyn "Med" b 1851 AR, m to William Rile Williams

    Children of Benjamin Henderson Wilson and Jennie A Mullins:
    Walter Lee Wilson, b 1862, d 1879, bur Buckeye Cem near father
    James Boone, b 1869, m to Lizzie Vaughn
    Robert Bedford "Bed" b 1872, m to Anna Logue
    Idyel, b 1876, m to Ulyses Sheridan Fraze
    Beulah Omega, b 1878, m to Lincoln "Link" Johnson
    Jennie, after No. 22 d, married Link's father, Col. James M. Johnson of Wesley AR.
23. Annaliza Caroline "Callie" Tuttle, b 5 June 1827 TN, d 1855, bur on Tom Smith farm cem, Tuttle AR.

—VI

40. Rial Williams, b 28 Aug 1793 TN; m (1) to Orpha Garrett, m (2) to Kitty Sanders (widow of David Phillips, with 10 children); d 1868.

41. Orpha Garrett, b 11 Sept 1801 IL, d 1842 Richland Creek AR.

Rial Williams and Orpha Garrett had 17 children. She died in 1842, and he married a widow with 10 children (the two sets of their children intermarried). Rial Williams and Kitty Sanders Phillips had three chilren more. Phillip Steele of Springdale descends from one of the Williams-Phillips marriages. University of Arkansas business professor Eugene Williams and his nephew, Charles Nolan Williams, Municipal Judge of Fayetteville, do also. Rial Williams homesteaded a farm on Richland Creek where Vernon Phillips, also a descendant, is now living.

42. Rev. William Sherrod, b 1 Apr 1788 NC, m 17 Oct 1816 (neither he nor Charlotte Miller previously married, stated on her application for Widow's Pension), d 6 Jan 1881, bur Goshen AR ("oldest marked birth date in cem.").

43. Charlotte Miller, b 31 Nov 1791 VA, d 11 Aug 1883, bur Goshen AR.

Children of William Sherrod and Charlotte Miller (from Bible record in National Archives, from her application for Widow's Pension):
Mary, b 2 Mar 1818, m 1835-6 to James Conway McCuistion, d 11 Feb 1886
Elizabeth, b 26 Apr 1819
Martha, b 18 May 1820, m to "Judge" Levi Best Saunders
Sterling B., b 29 Jan 1822, m to Margaret Lankford. Biog. in Goodspeed, p. 1018.
James T., b 26 Feb 1823, m to Catherine _____, d 1864
Emily, b 13 Oct 1824, m to Philemon Williams, brother of No. 20 above.
Charlotte, No. 21 above
William V., b 8 Apr 1828, m to Elinor Fitzgerald?
Nancy, b 29 Jan 1830, m to John Alexander Neill, d 1911
Alva E. b 16 Jan 1832
John F., b 1 July 1833, m 11 Sept 1856 to Frankie Jane Roberts
Arthur W., b 8 Oct 1835, m 13 Sept 1860 to Amanda A. Cannon

44. John Wilson, b Rowan Co. NC; m (1) to Mary Nash May, m (2) to Rhoda Manor (and moved to Travis Co. TX).

45. Mary Nash May, b 1817 NC, d 1838 probably Rutherford Co. TN.

46. Nathan Washburn Tuttle, b 1802 GA, d 1839, bur Tuttle AR.

47. Annaliza Biddle, b 1807; m (1) to Nathan Washburn Tuttle, m (2) to Thomas Smith of Tuttle; d 1865.

—VII

80. Philemon Williams. Possible lived Hickman Co. TN.
81. Lucy Green.
82. Moses Garret, lived Franklin Co. IL.
88. John Wilson, lived NC during Revolutionary War.
92. Solomon Tuttle. Pioneer of Mt. Comfort Community, Washington Co., AR.
93. Mary Patrick.
94. Benjamin Biddle.

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In connection with the Ware family table, here is the following copy of a letter written by hand in 1841 by Madeline Owens, address unknown, to Caroline Tuttle, Fayetteville, AR. (Actually Mt. Comfort — the people mentioned are presumably all Mount Comfort people.)

Fayette Nov. 8, 1841
My Dear Caroline,

I received your very welcome communication by Uncle Shepperd, which was very satisfactory in its contents, though it vexed me a little when you accused me of forgetting you, for although I enjoy myself with my relations and friends extremely well, I can think of you too, and my other associates that I have left behind me, it is for me to tell whether I will ever see them in this world or not, but I very well know that I shall never forget the kindness with which I was treated when I was with you.

I have been to Glasgow since my return home, and enjoyed the trip pretty well, although it was raining all the time. You must tell Eliza that I have found a beau for her, but if she is moonstruck with little Kettle I will transfer him to you. O Caroline I do wish you and Eliza would come over, I know cousin Middleton (probably James Middleton Pittman, a grandson of Solomon Tuttle) *and Leroy* (probably Leroy Cunningham, another grandson of Solomon Tuttle) *would come with you, and furthermore I will promise you a good deal of pleasure. Tell cousin Mid, and Lee that their girls look as hale and hearty as a May morning, and are looking for them.*

The moccasins that I brought with me have been universily admired. I always make it convenient to show my feet when I sit down. My relatives

send their best respects to you and other relatives. You must also give my heartfelt thanks to your mother, Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham and family, to cousin Middleton and cousin John and his wife and all the children, and accept the love of your cousin for yourself.

Madeline L. Owens

Tell Marthy Moore and the Miss Youngs that I think of them very often. O how I want to see all of you.
You must remember me to my black friends at Mr. Cunningham's.

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ELDER-DAVIS-ANDERSON FAMILY TABLE

Compiled by Josephine Perkins Myler

—I

1. Chesley (Chessie) Oliver Elder, b 27 Aug 1894 Williamson Co., TX, m 29 May 1920 El Paso TX to Lewis (Laurence) Gail Perkins (he b 4 Oct 1892 Williamson Co TX) d 8 Ap 1978.

—II

2. Cornelius Merrit Elder, b 2 Dec. 1859 Greene Co. TN, m 23 July 1885 Vanita, Indian Terr (OK) d 13 Dec 1927 Corpus Christi, TX.
3. Annie Katherine Davis, b 25 July 1855, Washington Co. AR, d 4 May 1929 Corpus Christi, TX.

—III

4. Chesley Elder, b ca 1828, South Carolina d ca 1897 prob. Washington Co. AR, m 7 Aug 1851 Greene Co. TN.
5. Narcissus George, b ca 1833 Greene Co., TN, d 1907 Weir, Cherokee Co., KS.

   Other children:
   Nancy Josephine (b 23 Aug 1853 Greene Co. TN m John Zebedee Mintz)
   Nathan Lafayette (b ca 1854 m Bettie Seaton Brooks)
   Mary Ellen (b ca 1857 m ? Alvis)
   Cornelius Merrit (No. 2 above)
   Martha (b ca 1862 m ? Ballou)
   Peter Ransom who never married.
6. Hiram Davis, b 1 June 1812, TN, m (1) Jane ? and had:
   Manning and Jane, m (2) No. 7. He died March 1879 Washington Co. AR.
7. Elizabeth Hannah Anderson, b 21 Dec 1812, Lincoln Co. KY, d 1875 Washington Co, AR. Her 1st husband was Albert Peel, by whom she had Albert, Jr. Albert Sr. d ca 1839.

   Other children:
   Hiram Anderson (b 16 Feb 1847 m Mary L_____)
   Mary Elizabeth (b 12 June 1851 m George Freeman Dean)
   Annie Katherine (No. 3 above)
   James J. (b 1849 d 1849)

—IV

8. _____ Elder, d prob. before 1850.
9. Letha _____, b ca 1803.

Possible children (reconstructed from 1850 census):
Richard b ? (m 10 Sept 1847 Elizabeth George),
John Calvin b ca 1827 NC (m 14 Oct 1847 Mary Morgan)
Chesley B., No. 4 above
Pinckney b ca 1830 (m 15 Aug 1851 Elizabeth Cumming)
Casper b ca 1835 (m 13 Dec 1853 Margaret Cummings)
Merit ba ca 1836
Ranson b ca 1838
Peter b ca 1841
All m Green Co TN, last 6 b SC.

10. William George b 1787, m 23 Mar 1819, Greene Co. TN
11. Elizabeth Clutz, b 1799 TN, d past 1850.

Children:
Eliza (m 1844 _____ Harrison)
Elizabeth (m 10 Sept 1847 Richard Elder, Greene Co., TN)
John Dickson b ca 1826, d past 1850 (m before 1850 Martha ____)
Samuel Nelson b ca 1828, d after 1850 (m Martha A _____)
Narcissus No. 5 above
Margaret b 1834 twin? to Narcissus
Nancy b ca 1839
Cornelius Wester.

12. _____ Davis
14. Hugh Allen Anderson, b 10 June/July 1782, Logan Station, Lincoln Co. KY, m 11 Jan 1810, d 14 June 1848 Benton Co. AR.
15. Mary Allen Anderson, b 15 Feb 1791, d 30 Sept 1860 Benton Co. AR.

Children:
Louisa Ann b 14 Mar 1811 Madison Co. KY (m 6 Oct 1829 Robert W. Mecklin) d Rosetta, CO.
Elizabeth Hannah, No. 7 above
James J. b ca 1815 d 4 Aug 1849 (m Mary Catherine Dickson)
William Wallace, b ca 1816, d 1885 Selma, TX (m Mary Temple Dickson)
Mary Jane b ca 1821 (m 1846 Nathan M. Moran)
Catherine, b 31 Aug 1824, Lawrence Co. AL, d Nov 1885 Benton Co. AR (m 22 Ap 1847 Alexander W. Dinsmore)
Hugh Allen b ca 1827, d Jessamine Co. KY (m 1867/8 Florence Brown)
Oliver Irvine, b 5 July 1831 AL, d 16 Nov 1910, Benton Co. AR (m 1. Malry Kellam, 2. Margaret Amanda Stiles)

—V

16. _____ Elder
20. Yoste George d past 1804 Greene Co. TN

21. Catherine
Children:
John
Margaret b ca 1770 PA (m John Crum)
Elizabeth b ca 1778 PA (m Emanuel Parman)
Catherine b ca 17?? PA (m 1788 PA Jacob Feller)
Eva b 1780 PA (m Conrad Girdner)
William, No. 10 above
Julianne
Salome
Michael b ca 1794 PA (m Nancy Kelly)
All listed in will.

22. _____ Clutz

24. _____ Davis

28. William Anderson b 1752 August Co. VA, d 1817 Jessamine Co. KY m 1st Mary Craig and had 1778 son John.

29. Catherine Blair b ? d 1742/3
Children:
Jane b 1780 KY (m _____ Meaux)
Hugh Allen, No. 14 above
Sarah b 1784 (m Richard Gatewood)
Charles b 2 Mar 1786 d 1857 Pontotoc, MS (m 14 Ap 1809 Margaret Russell)
Mary b 1788 (m 19 Nov 1813 Thomas A Clark)
Sophia b 1789, d Jan 1814 (m 23 Dec 1806 Samuel Wilson)
William b 1784/1792? d ca 1823 Laurence Co. AL (m 8 Nov 1817 Martha W. Thurston/Thruston)
Robert b 1793
Oliver b 15 Feb 1794 d 19 Jan 1873 (m 1st Mary Campbell, 2nd Louisa Price)
Susannah (m Bradshaw)

30. James Anderson b 13 Dec 1757 d 30 May 1831 KY

31. Hannah Wallace b 29 Ap 1767 d 30 May 1831 KY.
Children:
Ann Irvine b 5 Mar 1789 (m 19 Mar 1807 Samuel Wallace)
Mary Allen No. 15 above
Irvine b 20 Ap 1789 d 1 May 1818
Hugh Allen b 10 June 1795 d 22 Oct 1852 (m 25 May 1820 Margaret Stewart Dinwiddie)
Elizabeth b 6 June 1799 (m 28 Oct 1828 Robert M. Moran)

—IV

56. John Anderson b 1710, Ire., will prob. 20 Feb 1789

57. Jane
Children:
Ester
Mary

Robert, baptised 15 Nov 1741 Augusta Co. VA.
Will prob 9 Jan 1813 (m 4 Nov 1765 Ann Thompson)
James, baptised 6 Mar 1848 VA d ca 1838 (m 1771 Agnes Craig)
Andrew, b 1750 VA d 1823 (m Martha Crawford/Campbell)
Margaret, (m James Allen?)
Jean, baptised 29 Ap 1744 d 9 June 1811 (m (1) Lt. Hugh Allen (2) Wm. Craig)
William, No. 28 above.

58. poss. William Blair
60. John Anderson b 13 Jan 1724 NY d 1796/7 Madison Co. KY
61. Ann Irvine (Erwin) d ca 1797, baptised Nov 1746 Augusta Co. VA
Children:
Margaret b 4 Sept 1755 VA (m Bezaleel Maxwell)
James, No. 30 above
Mary d 14 Jan 1829 (m 1785 John Kennedy & Samuel Campbell)
William d past 1804 (m 1783 Elizabeth Henderson)
Rebecca (m John Maxwell)
John, d past 1804
Ann (m John Gass/Guess)
Isaac (m Jane Young)
Jacob - twin to Isaac died young
Elizabeth (m 1796 Wm. M.A. Morrison)
Samuel d 1806
62. Michael Wallace b 21 Dec 1732 VA d past 1807 Madison Co. KY
63. Ann Allen b ca 1740 d 2 July 1827

—VII

120. prob Rev. James Anderson b 17 Nov 1678 Scotland d 16 July 1740 Donegal PA m Feb 1712/13
121. Siutt Garland b ca 1694 d 24 Dec 1736 Donegal PA
122. Matthew Erwin will made 19 Ap 1755, proved 18 Aug 1762 Augusta Co VA
123. Elizabeth Downey
124. William Wallace b ca 1706, Ireland m 20 Mar 1732
125. Hannah Woods

—VIII

248. Peter Wallace, Sr. b ca 1680 Scotland, d Ireland.
249. Elizabeth Woods b ca 1684.

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Editor's Note: Mrs. Myler wrote that she had never worked with genealogy tables before, but was very pleased to find it easy to arrange. We thought other readers might be interested in seeing a genealogy that was sent to us in table form.

Queries

JAMES, SURRATT - I would like to exchange information on Riley James, b 1816, KY, d 1890 Cedar County MO. Married Selena A Surratt, who was born in SC, died 1893 in Cedar Co. MO. They lived in Sevier Co. TN until 1852 then in Washington Co. AR until 1865. From there they moved to Cedar Co. MO. Contact: Mrs. Wynona Winton Stanley, Box 224, Minturn, CO 81645.

SCARBOROUGH, SCHYMOS, TUBBS, STIDHAM - I would like to correspond with anyone who might know about Dr. John Gains Scarborough, Dr. William M. Scarborough, Dr. William O'Neal Stidham, or any of their ancestors; also William Harrison Scarborough, an artist who was the father of Drs. John and William Scarborough. Contact: Mrs. Raymond Scarborough, 242 189th St., Golden Shores, Miami Beach, FL 33160.

RUTHERFORD, WILLIAMS - I would like information about Izabelle Rutherford, her husband Christopher Columbus Williams (possibly died in Fayetteville), and her mother, Sarah Rutherford. The 1900 census showed Sarah Rutherford living in Farmington. She died about 1910-1912, buried near Fayetteville. Does anyone know where Izabelle Rutherford Williams is buried? Contact: Gary Williams, 3023 Ave. 1, Council Bluffs, IA 51501.

MOON, MOOSE - I would like to know where and when Daniel B. Moon and Laura E. Moose married. Contact: Demus C. Duncan, P.O. Box 3111, Santa Ana, CA 92703.

GREATHOUSE, MINNICK, NOTTINGHAM - I need information on Enoch Greathouse b White County, IL 1822. Married Feb. 1843 in White County IL to Lucinda (Lucena). Children: Sydnia C. b 12 Nov 1845, Sylvester R. b 1848, Martha O. b 1850, Elizabeth b 1866. I also need information on the Minnick family line. They lived in Virginia. George W. Minnick married Elizabeth Nottingham in 1873 in Jonesville, VA. Contact: Mrs. Betty I. Douglas, 3108 Summit Blvd., Sand Springs, OK 74063.

COWEN - If you have any knowledge of my great-great grandparents and their children, I would like to write you. James Cowen was born in MO (?), Elizabeth F. Cowen was born in KY (?). They are believed to have come from Georgia to Fayetteville, AR. I do not know when. I do know they were in Fayetteville in the late 1800's and moved to Indian Territory in 1900 (Anadarko area). Their children were born ca. 1850-1870, possibly in

Georgia and Missouri. This is believed to be the order of their birth: John Cowen, Lester Cowen, Alice Cowen Tankersly, (Dan) Daniel Cowen, Nathan Cowen (wife Georgia), Celia Ann Cowen m 1. James Wilson 1882-1887 (he died in Springfield MO 1887) 2. James W. Quick of Fayetteville, 1888 - divorced 1907, 3. George Frick, ca. 1908-1912, Anadarko, OK. 4. S.P. Horn, Creek Co., OK, ca. 1920's; Chester Cowen (wife Zelpha or Zelphia). It is believed they all moved to OK in the 1900's and settled around Grady Co. and Creek Co. Contact: Pat Elsass, 10920 E. 3rd St., Tulsa, OK 74128.

WATTS - I would like to exchange information on the Watts family whose line came from North Carolina into Tennessee, moved to Izard Co., AR about 1838, and on over to Washington Co. about 1848. Later they moved to Lane Township, Greenwood Co., KS. Contact: Leta Watts Harrell, P.O. Box 146, Hamilton, KS 66853.

ST. GREGORY'S SCHOOL - I would like information on a St. Gregory's School, in the Washington Co. area, about 1908. I have a class picture, Room E, 1908. Contact: Mrs. Earl S. McKenzie, 56 Bryan St., Pryor, OK 74361.

ROBERTS, MOORE, ELMS - Can anyone identify this photo? It would pertain to the families of Henry Roberts, James and David Moore (brothers), or the Elms. Contact: Mrs. Blanche McMillan, 901 S. 41 Ave., Yakima, WA 98908.

YELL - I am seeking information on the Yell family. Contact: Dwight L. Alford, Rt. 2, Box 55, Morrison TN 37347.

MARROWS - I would like to hear from descendants of the Millard Marrows (Millard was the son of Benjamin and Eliza Ward Marrow) or of his younger sister, Susan J. Marrow. Contact: Jerry Eoff, Rt. 2, Box 168, Nixa, MO 65714.

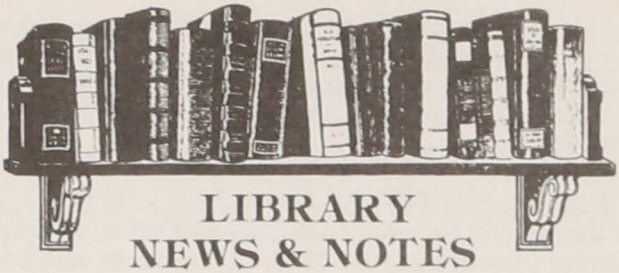
COOK, COLEMAN - I would like to correspond with anyone working on the families of Cook and Coleman. My great-great-grandparents, John Burk Cook and Sara Frances Coleman Cox were married 3 April 1842 in Washington County. Contact: Mrs. Betty Tuggle Bell. 1705 Hillcrest Drive, Carthage, MO 64836.

BARNES, KEEBLER, WHITAKER - I would like information concerning John Gilbert Barnes and his wife, Sara Melinda Keebler who lived at Cane Hill (Boonesboro) from about 1873-1900. John Barnes was born in North Carolina, ca. 1853 and was a shoemaker. Sarah Keebler was born in Jonesboro, Tennessee ca. 1851. (She may have been married previous to her marriage to Barnes, before coming to Arkansas.) Their children were: Bessie, Susie, Edward C., Dorah B., and Maud Ellen, who married Lewis K. Whitaker of Evansville. They moved to Stilwell, Indian Territory in 1900. Wiley Barnes, listed in 1880 U.S. Census in White River may have been the father of John G. Barnes. Contact: Ruth T. Whitaker, 2360 Londonderry, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

SANDERS - Isam Hurney b 11 Oct 1841 d Prairie Grove, AR 23 May 1886. M 11 Oct. 1867 to Mary Jan Mayberry b 18 Jan 1847 d 1928 in Drumwright, OK. Who were their parents and where were they born? Contact: June Davis, Rt. 2, Box 314, Greenfield, MO 65661.

WILSON, INGRAM - I would like to correspond with descendants of Samuel Wilson and Mary Ingram. PARRISH, MAY - I would like to correspond with descendants of this family who settled in the Brentwood area around 1870, coming from Randolph Co. NC and some time later moving to MO. ANDERSON, COUCH - I would like to contact descendants of Alfred B. Couch and Swinfield Anderson who came to Washington Co. following the Civil War from Hawkins Co. TN. Contact: Miss Ella Louise May, 2200 Lester Dr. N.E. 376, Albuquerque, NM 87112.

HORN - I would like to have help in locating the graves of Samuel W. Horn b 1818 and wife Margaret b 1820. The last census I have is 1880 Cove Creek. They were not on the 1900 census. Contact: Fran Morris, 23644 Panama, Warren MI 48091.



LIBRARY NEWS & NOTES

Terri White has been hired as an archivist in training to catalog the WCHS library. As we will be moving to new headquarters in the Old County Jail, Terri's work will be of great value in setting up our library there. Lilie Johnson is helping as a volunteer on this project.

One volume of interest, a recent gift of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wylie, is John Gould Fletcher's *ARKANSAS* (University of North Carolina Press, 1947). Fletcher is possibly the most widely known literary figure in Arkansas' past. His reputation as a poet dates from the early part of the century when he was associated with Ezra Pound and the Imagist movement. He later won a Pulitzer Prize in poetry.

ARKANSAS is an historical narrative that constantly captures the drama of the state's life from the exploration of the Spanish to World War II. Indeed, the book could be described as a biography of Arkansas, rather than a history. Fletcher knows his subject and loves her, as did his forebears. The book is full of personal observations, an occasional family story, and Fletcher's own preferences. He explains in an opening note, "But however Kansans may enunciate the name of a river which flows through their territory also; or however other midwesterners may think the name of Arkansas should be pronounced, to the natives it has always been sounded in only one way - as "Arkansaw". Therefore I have seen fit to designate the name of the natives of the state, throughout this narrative, as the Arkansawyers." This usage is surprisingly acceptable and readable. Do not look for footnotes or other documentation, although the index is very thorough. If your eyebrows go up over some of Fletcher's generalizations about the Ozarkers and the Sharecroppers, you will hold your breath reading his account of the Brooks-Baxter War. The story of Arkansas, as Fletcher tells it, turns out to be as exciting, and human, and yes, as important, as any state's story.

The Unfinished Story of Private Ritter

by Colin Ritter

In the process of doing some genealogical research, I obtained some old Pension Office and War Department records covering the Civil War period. I was trying to obtain information about my grandfather, John C. Ritter, but instead I received some official records concerning a John Ritter who lived in various Arkansas towns including Prairie Grove, White River, Fayetteville, Huntsville and Durham.

Because the papers revealed such a tragic story, I thought it might be worth while to see if any of the local residents might have a sequel. Here is the story as I have pieced it together.

On November 25, 1864, John Ritter, then 19 years old, left the farm to join the 1st Arkansas Volunteers Cavalry Regiment at White River. He could neither read nor write, but he must have known all about horses, and the life of a cavalryman must have intrigued him.

Then, on January 29, 1865, Private John Ritter, while in a skirmish at White River, received a pistol shot in the head. For two months, he lay critically wounded at the Fayetteville Hospital (attended by a Dr. Maynard). Gradually he recovered, but with the loss of his left eye, severely impaired vision to his right eye, and undetermined brain damage.

April 1865, the Civil War was over, and in May, Private John Ritter was discharged — his part in the great Civil War unheralded, unrewarded and unremembered. He was then 20 years old.

It wasn't until March 2, 1880, at the age of 36, that John Ritter still unable to read or write, was persuaded to apply for a pension. For the next seven years, the file on Private Ritter's Pension Claim grew. Dr. Samuel F. Paddock of Fayetteville, examining physician for the Pension Office, declared him ¾ incapacitated, with a permanent disability.

But then, the War Department reported that the name of John Ritter was not borne on the rolls of any company of the 1st Regiment Arkansas Cavalry on file at that office. Nor was the name of John Ritter borne on the rolls of Captain Bracken Lewis, Company "B", 1st Arkansas Cavalry volumes on file with the War Department.

Hampered by his inability to read or write, and frequently moving his address from one town to another, John Ritter was not able to provide the information required by the War Department and the Pension Office.

Ultimately, the Pension Office rejected his claim on the grounds of "no record of service and the claimant's neglect and apparent inability to furnish satisfactory evidence showing origin of alleged wound of the head."

Note the use of the word "alleged". It was now an "alleged" wound that resulted in the loss of his left eye, and for all practical purposes ruined the future of a young man not quite 20 years old when discharged from the Service — a physical wreck.

The bottom line of this story is that the memory of the glorious battles and the grand heroes of that Civil War can never match the countless numbers of untold personal tragedies suffered by the farm boys, the citizen soldiers and untrained volunteer patriots who rallied to the cause, only to be lost and forgotten.

Although this all happened more than a hundred years ago, we would still like to know what eventually happened to Private John Ritter. Can any of today's readers provide a clue?

Sincerely,
Colin Ritter

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Marriages in 1886

by Lloyd McConnell

A December 25th, 1886 wedding joined W.E. Trewhitt, age 26, and Miss Maggie Irwin, 18 of Boonsboro. Justice of the Peace Thomas J. Campbell was present and reading the ceremony.

Josiah Trueblood, age 44, and Miss N.E. Stonesifer, 35 a Brentwood couple, were joined in matrimony by Justice of the Peace J.C. Massie of Fayetteville, on January 27, 1886.

G.A. Henderson, a preacher, performed the Oct. 24, 1886 marriage for P.B. Tucker, 26, and Miss Tennie Kifer, 26, of Farmington.

Rufus Vaughn, 26, and Miss Nancy Shumate, 24, both Fayetteville residents, were united in marriage on Nov. 28, 1886, by P. Botts, who signed, "I am a Minister of the Gospel".

M.F. Vinson, 30 and Miss Katie G. Proffitt, 19, Springdale, took their vows before Justice H.G. Hartley, March 14, 1886.

Andrew Wadkins, 60 years old, and Mrs. R.R. Tean, age 43, took their pledge before H.C. Osborn, on March 9, 1886.

Harum Ward and Mrs. Mary Van Horn, ages 34 and 30, were wed by Justice J.F. Johnson, on Nov. 7, 1886. They were a Fayetteville couple.

Strickler residents Samule Weese, 23, and Mrs. L.M. Dof, 30 went to the Rev. R.M. Wood for their August 12, 1886 ceremony of marriage.

J.C. West, age 20 and Miss R.L. Moore, Cincinnati, 17 years old, were married on March 10, 1886, by Justice of the Peace W.D. Parks. Mr. West lived at Viney Grove.

A.J. Wier, 28, of Durham wed a 15 year old Durham girl, Miss Sallie Ritter on Dec. 26th, 1886. The Rev. W.H. Kennedy said the marriage ritual.

J.F. White, 28, and Miss M.E. Johnson, 19, of Spring Valley were married on October 27, 1886, by T.R. Ferguson, a Minister of the Christian Church.

E.W. Wickware, 38, and Miss E.J. Maxey, age 25, were married by Rev. A.G. Smith, on Dec. 23, 1886.

C.C. Wilkerson, 19, of Goshen, wed Miss M.J. Reed, 19, of West Fork, on Dec. 22, 1886, with Rev. J.N. Smith presiding and saying the nuptials.

Evansville couple C.S. Williams, 18, and Miss B.B. Buckner, age 24, were married on Dec. 21st, 1886 by James McFarland, Minister of the Gospel.

H.G. Wilson, 26, and a Prairie Grove resident, married Miss Sallie Mattox, age 24, of Evansville, on April 22, 1886, in a ceremony spoken by J.W. Garrett, a preacher.

O.C. Wiseman, 28, and Miss Lizzie Nantz, 18, of Prairie Grove were married on August 29, 1886. Samuel Cox, Minister of Cumb. Presby. Church, officiated.

J.N. Woodruff, Rheas Mill, 24, and Miss Minnie L. Bell, Viney Grove, age 17, were united in marriage on Oct. 13, 1886, by J.A. Walden, Minister.

Lincoln couple, E.F. Yeager, 28, and Miss Ada J. Worley, 17, were married by Justice of the Peace W.D. Martin, on July 5, 1886.

West Fork's J.G. York, 20, and Miss Sarah Holcomb, age 17, were married on April 3, 1886, by M. York, a Justice of the Peace for West Fork.

William J. York, age 44, and Mrs. Rhoda Darnell, 22, of Fayetteville were made husband and wife in a civil ceremony by J.M. Brinson, a Justice of the Peace, on Feb. 28, 1886.

Samuel Young, Jr., and Miss Lula Williams, ages 21 and 19, of Fayetteville, were married by Justice of the Peace, J.C. Massie on Nov. 27, 1886.

The Rev. J.L.D. Houston performed the marriage for Marcus Zerbonie, 23, and Miss May Ellen Vaughn, 20, of Springdale. The date was Nov. 25, 1886.

Graves, cont. from p. 15

GABBARD, Edward
Co. E. 14th Cav. Ark. US — Shumate

GAFFIELD, Ward
1835-1915 Co. K. 8th Penn. Cav. — Oak Grove

GAGE, Nicholas
Co. C. 1st Ark. Cav. US — Drakes Creek

GARDNER, Joseph J.
1845 Co. F. 9th Iowa Inf. — Bluff

GARVIN, Thomas
Born Augusta Co. VA 1764, died Cane Hill 1834,
Served in Revolutionary War — Cane Hill

GIBSON, James C.
Co. C. 41st Illinois Inf. US — Brentwood

GILSTRAP, Corp. Ben J.
Co. D. 1st Ark. Cav. — Woolsey

GILSTRAP, Capt. J.M.
Co. D. 1st Ark. Cav. US — Woolsey

GOLDSBOROUGH, John J.
Co. B. 154 Inf. GRA — Mineral Springs

GRAHAM, James A.
Co. D. 17th Kentucky Cav. Civil War — Bluff

(To be continued next issue.)

Old Circuit Court

by Lloyd McConnell

October Term 1890 was the end of the long service of Judge J.M. Pittman, who held the office longer than any other jurist to that time. He was assisted at this term of court by S.M. Johnson, the Prosecuting Attorney, and I.G. Combs, the Sheriff.

Grand jurors serving included William Moore, John Masters, R.L. Ritter, James Brown, W.C. Stone, W.B. Rhea, Frank Deaver, John Edmiston, Thomas Nolen, J.C. Cunningham, Robert Strain, W.J. Hogg, Jim Wilson, W.W. Joyce, J.M. Lanston, Jim Guinn and C.R. Gilbreath. Those excused for cause included J.E. Mock, Newt Sanders, and Lum Woody.

Serving on the trial, or petit jury, were D.F. McMillan, Wilburn D. Moore, Taylor Kantz, William Simpson, James H. Smith, Jarvis Reed, Hart Slaughter, J.P. Edmiston, Wat Mankins, J.C. Kirby, Alexander Cruse, W.T. McCormick, R.J. Rhea, R.A. Miller, Maurice Coffey, Thomas Epps, Henry Villyard, William Ratliff, Granville Stephens, J.D. West, A.J. Wilson, J.R. Ponds, R.M. Ramsey. and George King.

And so it was that several of the citizens who had been arrested and charge with crimes, looked over the list of petit jurors with their attorney and were advised to take a change of venue to some other county.

J.M. Peel, who had been elected Prosecuting Attorney for the next term was sworn in to serve at this term, due to the absence of Mr. Johnson, who may have been ill or removed to another place.

Ann McLaughlin obtained a verdict for $80 against J.M. Russell, which verdict was later set aside by the Court. The usual number of misdemeanors, such as disturbing congregational worship, horse racing on public roads, gaming and fighting were disposed on the proper manner and came at the end of the year. Judge Pittman stepped down, ending his long career as Judge of the 4th Judicial District of Arkansas.

Posting proper bonds as County Officials were J.P. Scott, the Circuit Clerk and Recorder, J.E. Suttle, the County Clerk, K.C. Cummings as Treasurer, B.F. Washington as Surveyor, and local Constables. Personal bonds were acceptable for all offices for many years, and only occasionally did the bondsmen find it necessary to kick in to repay money wrongfully used by an office holder. Later, about 1950, it became the custom for elected officials to post surety bonds and personal bonds were no longer accepted.

Taking the oath as Judge of the 4th Judicial District was the Honorable E.S. McDaniel on the first of the year.

Dick Holman tried out the new jury and was set free, as was Green Scott. A.P. Goodman filed for a change to Benton County. Dick Wright paid a $20 fine. The case against T.B. Alberty was nolle prossed. Mack Rollins was found not guilty. He was charged with J.D. Mahan who paid a fine of $10. Green Scott took another charge to the Benton County Circuit Court. W.W. Dickey charged with several offenses, was found not guilty.

John W. Carlile asked that his trial be moved to Madison County. William Hank, and T.M. Draper and William Hank were fined for contempt of court. The jury assessed William Taylor $10, and Willie Luttrell $10 for misdemeanors. Isaac Osborn was not guilty of his charge. Walter Dye paid a larger fine of $25 (must have created quite a disturbance). J.C. Gilbreath forked over $5 in each of four cases. Jeff Campbell was fined $25 and sent to jail until paid, else he could work out the fine at $1 per day. Edd Kidd received a $200 penalty and was placed in jail until the fine was paid. Henry Van Hoose, my first school teacher, was not guilty. He was a crippled man. Barney McConnell, my uncle, was ordered to pay $25 or go to jail, probably for discharging a pistol at a gathering or something like that. Many country boys carried guns then.

George Vandever, on a second degree murder charge, wanted to take the case to Benton County. He didn't know the jurors there but he evidently knew them here. W.C. Smith was in jail on an assault to kill charge, often levied by the district attorney when a knife or club or rock was used in a fist fight. John West paid a $10 fine.

Bond for John Mason was fixed at $2000, he was charged with killing someone. B.M. Ramey paid $15 fine on a misdemeanor charge.

Colonel T.M. Gunter was appointed as Special Prosecutor in November of 1890. S.K. Stone, W.P. Mauldin and D.W. Aaron were Jury Commissioners to select a jury for the spring term.

This new Circuit Judge looked over the docket and found a large number of cases, old or untried, and dismissed many of them. To an old time lawyer that was next to winning a case, he could then tell his client that he "got that throwed out".

To remove paint from clothing - saturate with equal parts of turpentine and spirits of ammonia. Paint may be removed from window glass by a strong solution of soda.

Washington County Rural Directory, c 1922

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS MOVING!!! We are moving our office space to a new lociation Our new address will be 30 South College Ave., Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701. We are finally getting to move in to the old county jail. The old county records will finally be open to the public.

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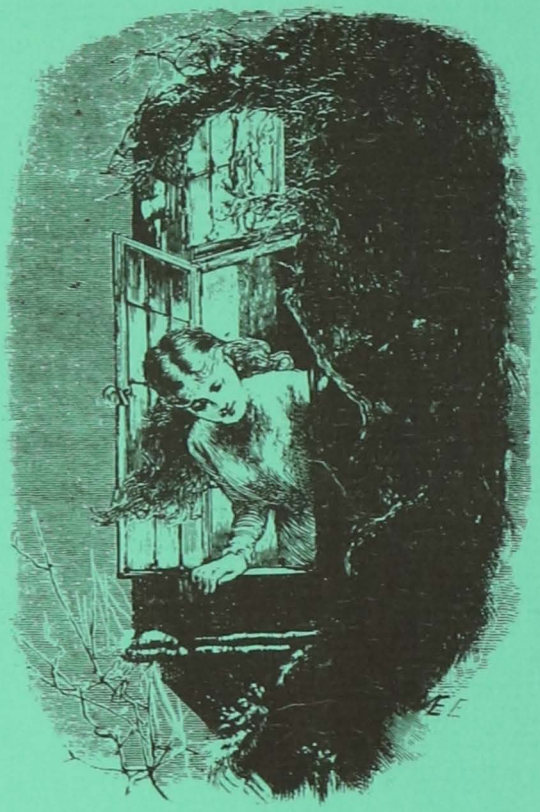
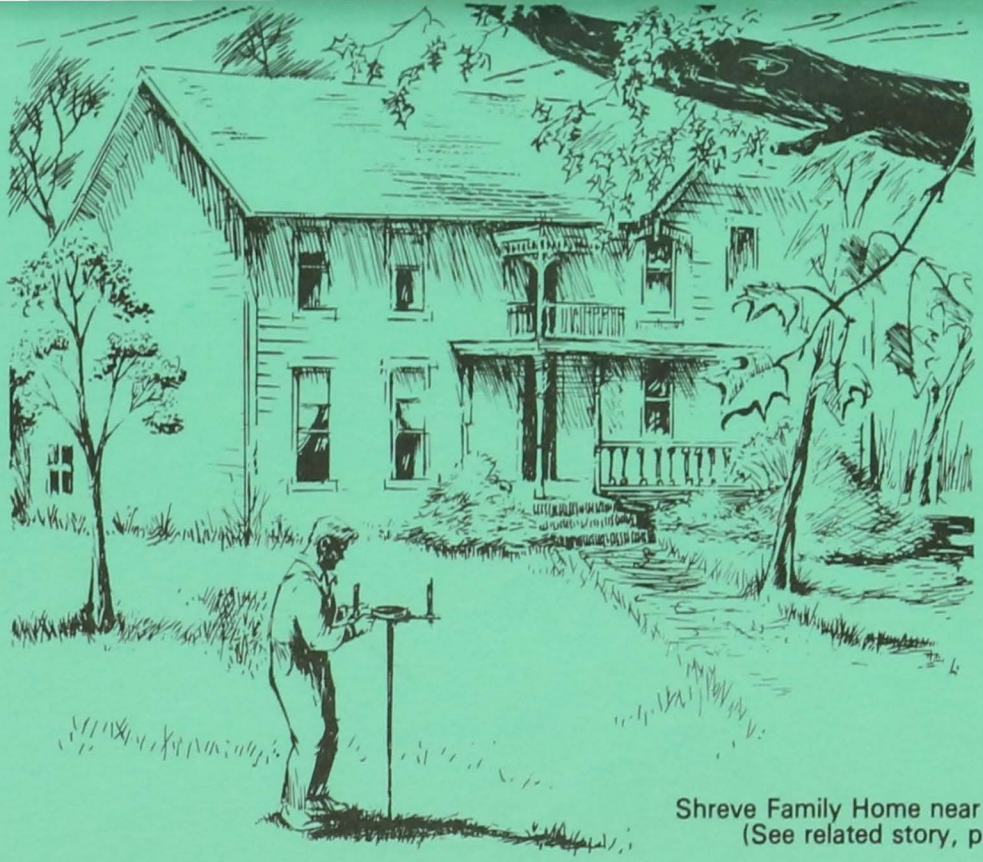


"Not now, Romeo. I have to rush down and renew my membership in the Washington County Historical Society."



Shreve Family Home near Farmington.
(See related story, page 8.)